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ATTORNEY FROM CINCINNATI PLEADS GUILTY TO PARTICIPATING IN FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION CONSPIRACY

CINCINNATI -- Cincinnati attorney Kenneth L. Lawson, age 45, pleaded guilty in United States District Court here today to one count of conspiracy to illegally obtain controlled substances, namely oxycodone and hydrocodone. The crime is punishable by up to four years imprisonment.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Russell Neville, Resident Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration, Cincinnati and Cincinnati Police Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr. announced the plea entered before Chief United States District Judge Sandra S. Beckwith.

According to court documents, Lawson conspired with others to obtain the drugs, commonly known as OxyContin, Percocet, and Percodan through a scheme involving fraudulent prescriptions between August 2003 and January, 2007.

Judge Beckwith will schedule a date for sentencing. Lawson remains free on bond pending sentencing.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by Cincinnati Police Officers and DEA agents.

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